

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PLANNING COORDINATION

MINUTES – MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2002

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Monday, April 8, 2002 at the UofD Paradee Center, State Personnel Training Center, Dover, Delaware.

Present were:

Lt. Governor John Carney, Chair
Peg Baunchalk
Senator Patti Blevins
Joe Corrado
Secretary Nick DiPasquale
Secretary Nathan Hayward
Randy Marvel
Robert McLeod
Paul Morrill
Dick Pryor
Secretary Michael Scuse
Lee Ann Walling
Secretary John D. Wik

Others in attendance:

Charles Baker
Karley Barnes
David M. Cullen
Doug Gramiak
Connie Holland
Finley B. Jones
Herb Inden
C. Scott Kidner
Andrea Kreiner
Michael McGrath
Michael Strine
Ann Marie Townsend

Absent:

Richard Anthony
Dee Durham
Sherry Freebery
Mike McDowell
Marty Ross
Representative Roger Roy
Robert Stickels
Rick Woodin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. Minutes from the previous meeting were made available for review. After time for review, and a few attendance corrections, Mayor Baunchalk motioned that the minutes be accepted, a second was heard from Mr. Corrado. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

IMPACT FEE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Carney asked Mr. Michael Strine, Chairman of the Impact Fee Subcommittee, to brief the council on the subcommittee's work. Mr. Strine stated that the subcommittee has been working diligently with the consultant (Tischler). The subcommittee will meet again in about a week and a half to workup a final report. The consultants have been working to come up with a formula to calculate impact fees within the areas of public safety, transportation and education. They are looking at five variables in each area. 1) Fee collection unit, 2) methodology used to calculate fee, 3) variables that drive outcome of the fee, 4) issues that the fee raises and 5) tentative fee levels.

Mr. Strine went into further detail covering each variable in each department. Mr. Strine stated that some of the variables might cause policy to be reviewed. Mr. Carney stated that the flow of information to the Governor regarding policy issues would be through the council. He asked Mr. Strine and the subcommittee to set up a series of recommendations that would include policy issues with pros and cons for each recommendation. He also suggested that the report include the consultant's preferred alternative and why. The Council can then review the information before recommendations are presented to the Governor.

Mr. Carney thanked Mr. Strine for his comprehensive report on such a complicated subject.

Mr. Carney asked Ms. Walling to report on the TDR Subcommittee. Ms. Walling handed out 2 fact sheets entitled "TDR Proposal that Received Consensus Support from Subcommittee" and "State Level of Investment." Ms. Walling read from the first report and asked everyone to please read the attached "Transfer of Developments Rights Guiding Principles." Ms. Walling stated that the existing "Code" does what the State wants. However, it is not mandatory; and mandatory is the issue. The subcommittee is working on drafting legislation with the state's attorneys. Mr. Baker stated that the full subcommittee is not in agreement with all the points considered by the subcommittee. Sen. Blevins stated that it doesn't seem to benefit New Castle County. Mr. Carney said all concerns would be factored in when the full Council meets to discuss policy issues. Other areas briefly discussed were the TDR Bank and annexations in Middletown and Smyrna. Ms. Holland and Mr. Baker briefly discussed the impact of the annexation process on comprehensive plans. Mr. Carney asked Ms. Holland to produce a one-page summary of the process for the next meeting.

Ms. Holland asked Secretary Hayward to recommend a land use attorney to help with certain policy concerns. Mr. Carney suggested she contact the Governor's legal counsel.

SB 309

Ms. Kreiner reported that SB 309 passed the Senate and is now in committee in the House. This bill adds a seat to the Council representing Wilmington.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Carney passed out a paper entitled "Livable Delaware Initiative – Green Infrastructure" for Secretary DiPasquale who had to leave the meeting early. Mr. Carney mentioned that if anyone had any questions on the paper they should contact Secretary DiPasquale directly. He also informed the group that the subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 1:30 p.m. at DNREC.

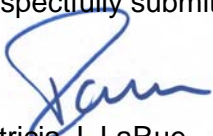
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 1:00 P.M., Paradee Building, Dover.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carney asked if there was any other business to be discussed and seeing none adjourned the meeting at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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